



CALLAN from THAMES

'THE WORST SOLDIER I EVER SAW'

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SYNOPSIS

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ACT I

Colonel Leslie, an ex-Hunter and enemy of Callan's, returns from Abu Tafa where he has been political adviser to The Sultan. The Sultan wants to expand his oil Empire by encroaching on neighbouring states. But a war in the Middle East could lead to Russian intervention and further international strife. The Sultan must be stopped, whatever the cost. He is thought to have invited Brigadier Pringle, a retired army officer, to lead his forces. Callan once served under Pringle and is assigned to find out what he can and if necessary intervene. He gets a job as valet to the Brigadier.

ACT II

Pringle asks his daughter to go with him to Abu Tafa but she refuses. She is far too involved with Welfare Work which she finds rewarding. An old American colleague, General Klinger, calls to see Pringle, not realising that the Brigadier has already been briefed to find out from him as much as he can about American interests in the Middle East.

ACT III

Dr. Megali, the Sultan's representative, calls on Pringle with details of his journey and a request for his records and papers. Pringle fetches these from a safe-deposit and puts them temporarily in his own safe. Callan calls in 'Lonely' to help him open the safe and get the papers; the final incriminating evidence. Pringle disturbs the safe-breakers and in a defensive scene with Callan tries to justify his behaviour. He then attempts to escape and Callan has to shoot him down. Back in the office, Callan faces Colonel Leslie who is taking over during Hunter's leave, and all his old antagonisms return forcibly.

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CAST LIST

CALLAN	EDWARD WOODWARD
HUNTER	DEREK BOND
MERES	ANTHONY VALENTINE
LONELY	RUSSELL HUNTER
SIR JOHN HARVEY	JOHN WENTWORTH
COLONEL LESLIE	RONALD RADD
SARAH PRINGLE	TESSA WYATT
SECRETARY	LISA LANGDON
BRIGADIER PRINGLE	ALLAN CUTHBERTSON
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